



Sunday 12th February 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Martin Tanti

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Francesca Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

Parish School Principal

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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God, you teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 12 February 2023

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection---footsteps-in-the-sand>

Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

Diamond Valley Deanery

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Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne


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Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to greensborough@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL We are all appalled, concerned and feeling helpless at the devastation caused by the Earthquake in Syria/Turkiye. As a small way of helping, we will be having a Leaving Collection today. Caritas is running an appeal and we will send on any donations to Caritas and their work in that area. Social Justice Group.



LADIES AUXILIARY will have their First meeting for the year on Wednesday February 15th at 10.15am in the Gathering Space. We would love for you to come along and help us with our planning. We need help in lots of ways, particularly with ideas, so we can continue our fund raising for the Parish. You can be involved as much as you like, even if it is only to say 'HELLO' with a smile. Enquiries: Mauren 94355906; Lucy 94356990



SUNDAY CATECHIST CLASSES for primary school children attending Government Schools are now commencing at 9.00am in St Mary's School. Classes are for children from Grades 3 to 6, include the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and are held during each term. All enquiries - Geraldine - 0438 148 896

READING WITH PARISHIONERS PROGRAM Do you have a weekday morning free? St Mary's School is looking for parishioners who are able to spare 1-2 hours on a weekly basis to listen to children read in the junior school. All volunteers will need a Working with Children's Check. Training will be provided at the beginning of the 2023 school year for parishioners who would like to be a part of the program. If you're interested please contact Bec Mellerick on 0402064081 or via email rmellerick@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10.00 MASS. We would love to be able to offer Children's Liturgy at 10.00 Masses once again. To do this we will need at least 4 volunteers to run a session 1 a fortnight or 8 to run it weekly. Training will be provided and you will be well supported. If you think this is something that might appeal to you, Please contact **Geraldine on 0438 148 896**. Child Safety protocols require a current Working with Children & Police check.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22 2023. The Partnered Parishes' Lenten theme is 'Open Our Eyes To See ...' Can we see past our daily busyness to help others? Can we stop and see beyond our list of "Things To Do Today"? During Lent let's look to those who don't have the resources they need for their survival - in for example Nepal, Zimbabwe, Vietnam or on Durag land in Western Sydney – and help extend and impact the lives of future generations. Social Justice Group St Mary's Parish



Be informed, inspired and entertained Welcome to St Mary's Parish Library. We have over 3000 books, DVDs and CDs available for borrowing. The collection covers many topics important to Catholic people. Many of the items are not easily available in public libraries. The Library is usually open after 10 am Mass on Sunday and 6.30 pm Mass on Saturday.



St Mary's Parish Library

We need more volunteers to staff the Library at other Masses. In the meantime feel free to ask a sacristan or priest to open the room. Self-borrowing is available through a sheet on the desk. Items are lent for one month and can be returned through a chute outside the Library.

Access to the catalogue is available at: cloud.collectorz.com/247780. New items are displayed in the Library window. A couple of recent additions are:

Ideas to Save Your Life: Philosophy for Wisdom, Solace and Pleasure by Michael McGirr.

Stories from our COVID 19 Bubble: created by the Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek, St Mary's Greensborough and St Thomas Apostle North Greensborough.

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read God speaks to us" (St Jerome, Patron Saint of Libraries)

SILENCE IN LITURGY God addresses us through the scriptures. But silence is what helps us discover the meaning and power of these words, letting them 'sink in' and be absorbed into our minds and hearts. In addition to the short periods of silence observed by the Reader after the first and second readings, we will again have a period of silent reflection following the Homily. **The first collection** will be taken up after this period of reflection.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquires: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB Southern Stars Social Club, a friendly social club for single Catholics in the 25 to 60 age group will be having an Over 28s Party night at Benedict House at St Scholastica Parish East Burwood (Corner of Burwood Highway and Stirling St.) commencing at 8.00pm. Cost is \$13.00 and includes lucky door prizes and supper. Enquiries: Peter 98852167

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. *Aid to the Church in Need* is still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhyya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>



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MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES ... AND YOURS. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.



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Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: **RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.** WEB: www.palms.org.au

PLEASE JOIN CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

at the Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO *Chancellor of University of Divinity*

Date: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm

Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333



JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Human Resource Partner
- Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop
- Wellbeing Manager

Parish Positions

- Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbeena
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

Other Positions

Pastoral Care and Hospitality Lead – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community

- Secretary/Finance Administrator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Cook—Oblate Community

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The Partnered parishes THINK AND BREATHE Child Safety –KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities. Parents/guardians are to supervise children at all times when at our parishes.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE LAUNCHED FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Employees will soon be able to access the training module on Employment Hero. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

This will be:

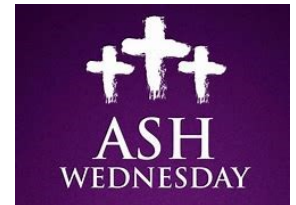
- an annual requirement for everyone
- possible to complete individually online.
- At the completion of the training: participants will receive a certificate of completion accessible via the training module dashboard. participants will receive email notification that the module has been completed successfully.
- To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 22nd February

9.15am: Sacred Heart & St Mary's (School Masses)

12.00pm: St Thomas (School Mass)

7.00pm: St Mary's & St Thomas



LENTEN PROGRAM - You are invited to join the Scripture Study Group for meditation & scripture reflection led by Dr Susie Hii commencing on 1st March over zoom each Wednesday at 7.30pm for 5 weeks. All are welcome. Please call Jo: 0411 045 572 or Michelle: 0432316777 for more details.



HELPING A FAMILY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

Many of our Partnered Parish Communities would know that Stonehouse Bakery in Hurstbridge (across from Lettuce Inn) – has the ABSOLUTE best cinnamon donuts in Australia!



Throughout the COVID 19 crisis this family owned business, continued their hospitality to the community for each person who came in for a coffee and free donut. You were always met with a friendly voice of welcome and knew for certain that behind the mask their smile matched yours. Always ready for a chat and a laugh, Seray Ayhan, her mother, Aleve, with the men of the family doing the baking, along with Lilly and all the girls serving – we formed a strong connection of friendship and for many of us, a bond as strong as family. We celebrated with them when we heard the brother, Taylen would be married during their annual trip back home to Turkey this past January. They call Adana, Turkiyre home – home to their family who just a short time ago gathered in celebrating a wedding –who now are 'in tents or under rubble'. Both earthquakes struck the homes of their families and friends and they have no where to go. Seray has taken it upon herself to form a GoFundMe initiative – "Help Families after Earthquakes in Turkey (7.7)". She is aiming to raise \$8000.00 to go towards the families who now are left with nothing. Please go to this link: <https://gofund.me/1382c9e0> to make your donation. If you have any problems with the link – type in "GoFundMe" in your web browser, then do a search using the search icon you will see on the homepage – type in the name of the fund – it will come up and to make certain it is the correct one – Seray Ayhan's name will be there.

*Continue to support the family in visiting the bakery as often as you can! Please pray for all people of Turkiyre and Syria that the people of the world will see the people there, homeless, traumatised, injured and separated from loved ones, not knowing who has survived, trying to cope with the magnitude of devastation – and open their hearts to the generosity of Spirit to share with however they can to aid in recovery of body, mind and spirit of the people there.

Sandy Starbuck

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



Baptisms: we pray for Anthony, Mia and Jasmine who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in February.

Lenten Prayer and Reflection sessions will be held at Sacred Heart on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm beginning on Tuesday 21st February 2023. This evening group will especially support our catechumen in his preparation for the sacraments at Easter. Please register with the office. diamondcreek@cam.org.au

Church Cleaning Roster: We are trying to get enough helpers together to begin a new cleaning roster here at Sacred Heart. We are wondering if people would like to work in pairs as it does make cleaning much more interesting!

The plan is not to have a set cleaning day but rather you choose which morning suits you....

Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 onwards. Wednesday & Friday would be after morning mass (10ish)

These are the mornings Pat Guatta would be here to open the church.

If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

If you have someone in mind that you would like to work with please let us know.

It is not necessary to nominate a work mate....this might be a good chance to get to know someone you have only ever said, "Hello" to at mass.

Tasks would include, dusting, cobwebbing (inside), some vacuuming if you are able.

Please contact Marg Farrell or Wendy McEvoy if you are available

margfarrell1951@gmail.com 0402 656 994 wmcevoy@hotmail.com 0438 154 759

Parish Pastoral Council: Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

Senior Moments: Wednesday 15th February lunch 12pm in Parish Office.

Wednesday 1st March lunch 12pm at Diamond Creek Tavern.

Rosters

Saturday 18th February St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: M. Frisby **Commentator:** J. Robinson **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Keenan, R. Nicolaisen

Sunday 19th February Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: L. Armiento **Commentator:** F. Ledda **Eucharistic Ministers:** Y. O'Brien, T. Sirianni

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Judy Vincent, Mary Crothers.

As we celebrate St Valentines Day we are reminded of the great love that is present between a couple. A love to be respected and cherished. Love is not a thing to be exchanged, but a gift that brings the giver intimately into another's life. Love transforms the lives of both lovers, because each receives his or her self back, transformed by their mutual love. Every love entails sacrifice for the beloved, but love makes even sacrifice a joy.

Tips for Couples:

Instead of flowers and chocolates, give the gift of your presence to the one you love.

Make a commitment to set aside 10 minutes each day to share the highs and lows together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS

Baptisms: Please pray for Henry, Andreas, Teddi, and Sonny who are being baptised later this month.

Rosters for Weekend 18th & 19th February 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: J. Bohan **Commentator:** K. McMahon **Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Bishop, Volunteers

Set Up: J. De Carlo



Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: L. Hobson

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Piccolo, C. Riordan, A. Letzia

Set Up: M. Bates

Parish Pastoral Council: Next Meeting, Wednesday 15th February, 7.00pm. Email: stthomasppc@gmail.com

A Charismatic Mass with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 16th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Andelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera

We pray for those who have died including all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop,, Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider, Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vito Zuccula

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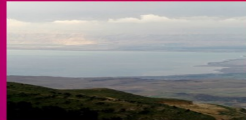
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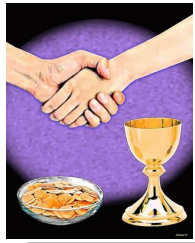
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A FREE course from The Way Prayer Group, Greensborough North.

For further information contact: Emilia,

Phone: 0418 120 902 or E-mail: emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Jesus advises his disciples to be authentic: let what you are on the inside dictate how you act on the outside. If we take this to heart, our celebrations of eucharist will be true expressions of the peaceful relationships within our community.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 February 2023

First Reading **Eccl 15:15-20**

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. *(R.)*
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. *(R.)*
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. *(R.)*
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:6-10**

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37** **(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)**

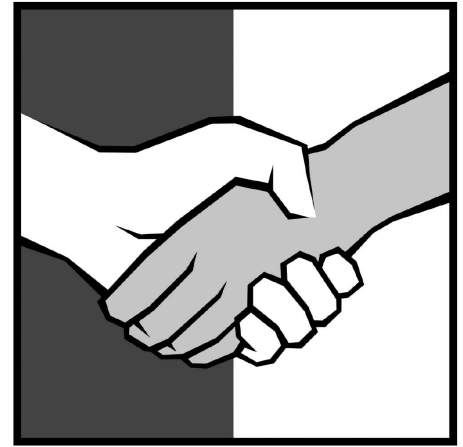
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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